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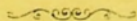
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
AND  
*Superintending School Committee,*  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BUXTON,  
MAINE.

For the Year ending Feb. 17th, 1885.



PORTLAND, ME.  
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**SAMUEL THURSTON,**

DEALER IN

**Pianos,**

**Organs,**

**Stools and Covers.**

**The Best Goods,**

**The Lowest Prices.**

PLEASE CALL AND EXAMINE THIS LARGE

STOCK BEFORE PURCHASING.

TUNING AND REPAIRING TO ORDER.

**SAMUEL THURSTON,**

3 FREE ST. BLOCK,

PORTLAND.

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grant and raise for the rebuilding or repair of Salmon Falls bridge.

*Eleventh.*—To see if said inhabitants will instruct the Assessors to canvass the Town for the appraisement of property the ensuing year.

*Twelfth.*—To see what method said inhabitants will adopt to employ School Teachers the ensuing year.

*Thirteenth.*—To see if said inhabitants will vote to accept the report of the several Town Officers.

*Fourteenth.*—To see what inducement, if any, said inhabitants will offer for the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

*Fifteenth.*—To see what per cent. said inhabitants will vote to pay for collecting the taxes the ensuing year.

*Sixteenth.*—To see if said inhabitants will vote to set John H. Waterman and his estate off from School District No. 9 and annex to School District No. 3.

*Seventeenth.*—To see if said inhabitants will vote to assume control of such public cemeteries in town as may be given gratuitously to the town by the several associations now controlling them, and to take any other action that may be necessary in regard to the same.

*Eighteenth.*—To see if said inhabitants will take any action in regard to furnishing text-books for scholars.

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Selectmen's Office, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1885. Also on the morning of said meeting at nine o'clock, A. M.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, A. D. 1885.

JOHN G. LOCKE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
GEORGE S. ADAMS,	
JOSEPH H. BRADBURY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Buxton.</i>



## Selectmen's Report.

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The undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Buxton, herewith submit their annual report for the municipal year ending February 17, 1885.

The whole number of orders drawn on the Treasurer, 158, amounting to \$5,469 24, for the following purposes, viz.:

For Schools,	\$2,829 11
Support of Poor,	356 74
Town Farm,	715 91
Bridges,	224 86
Highways,	38 19
Contingent,	909 88
Abatements,	255 07
premium on Town notes,	139 48

### VALUATION FOR 1884.

#### FIRST DISTRICT.

Personal Estate,	\$ 33,203 00	
Real Estate,	253,736 00	
	<hr/>	\$286,939 00
Maine Furniture Co.,		
Personal Property,	\$8,000	
Real Estate,	2,000	
	{ Exempt from taxation by vote of town, March, 1881.	

#### SECOND DISTRICT.

Personal Estate,	\$ 70,103	
Real Estate,	315,225	
	<hr/>	\$385,328 00
Town Valuation,		<hr/>
		672,267 00
No. of polls in First District,	235	
“ “ “ “ Second “	307	
Supplementary,	6	
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## MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED IN 1884.

For support of schools,	\$2,100 00	
"    " poor,	800 00	
Contingent expenses,	1,000 00	
Support of bridges,	300 00	
State tax,	2,674 09	
County tax,	635 18	
Town indebtedness,	5,000 00	
Overlay in assessment,	542 27	
Supplementary assessment,	18 00	
Highway deficiency of 1883,	29 81	
Whole amt. assessed and committed to Warren		
A. McCorrison for collection,		\$13,099 35
Amount of Town tax,		9,790 08
Rate of assessment, 17 mills on a dollar.		
Poll tax, \$3.		

## APPROPRIATIONS.

Whole amount assessed,	\$13,099 35	
School fund and mill tax, 1884,	960 48	
Railway and telegraph tax, 1884,	5 35	
Received from the town of Hollis,	17 72	
"    "    "    "    " Gorham,	2 50	
"    "    "    "    " Searsmont,	61 85	
Cash for interest on non-resident tax,	3 42	
	<hr/>	\$14,150 67

## EXPENDITURES.

## SUPPORT OF POOR—PARTIAL AID.

F. J. Leavitt, 2 bushels corn, 2 bushels meal for S. Palmer, bills of 1883,	\$3 16
Lucas & Hamlet, 1 cord of wood furnished J. T. Harmon, 1883,	5 00
Mary Sawyer, house rent for J. Dyer, (Hollis,)	5 42
Maine Insane Hospital, support of L. A. Hanscomb,	115 06
F. J. Leavitt, sup. for Uriah Richards, (Searsmont),	11 85
S. Meserve & Son, sup. for John Dyer, (Hollis),	12 30
F. B. Morrill, med. atten. of C. Smith's family,	13 00
“ “ “ Harding child, (Gorham),	2 50
“ “ “ Miss E. A. Taylor,	5 00
S. J. Locke, casket box and burial of U. Richards, (Searsmont),	28 50
J. A. Fellows, med. atten. U. Richards, (Searsmont,)	3 50
F. A. Southwick, “ “ “ “	3 00
City of Saco, supplies fur. Mrs. R. Caton,	6 50
Geo. Edgcomb, removal of A. Taylor and goods to farm,	1 50
Sam'l Dunn, board of Richards' children, (Searsmont),	12 00
Geo. W. Haines, board of Betsey Haines, 31 weeks,	31 00
Inhabitants of Gorham, support of Mrs. E. Edwards,	97 45
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	\$356 74
Received from other towns,	79 07
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Net expense of poor not on farm,	\$277 67



## TOWN FARM.

H. S. Melcher, supplies,	\$61 46
A. H. Porter, " 1883, \$32.72, 1884, \$34.83,	67 55
Sam'l Dunn, serv. as Agt. 6 mos. 1883, and 6 mos. 1884,	262 50
A. L. Berry, six acres grass,	38 00
George W. Lowell, 7 1-2 M. cedar shingles,	17 25
Benjamin Small, one pair 3-year-old steers,	98 00
A. I. Edgcomb, grain and provisions,	73 33
Chase Bros., grain,	11 63
J. H. & H. N. Bradbury, 3 bbls. flour \$19.00, one pr. boots \$1.35, 54 yds. sheeting,	24 94
F. A. Southwick, med. atten. at farm in full,	16 00
L. J. Milliken, supplies,	9 98
S. Meserve & Son, c'othing and supplies,	35 27
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	\$715 91
Sale of oxen on farm,	119 02
Board of Theresa Richards, (Searsmont),	3 00
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Net expense of Town Farm,	\$593 89

STOCK AND TOWN FARM PRODUCTS ON HAND  
FEBRUARY 12.

1 pr. 3 yrs. old steers, 3 cows, 1 2 yr. old heifer, 9 sheep, 2 swine, 40 hens, 4 1-2 tons English hay, 1 ton meadow hay and straw, 12 bu. oats, 14 bu. beans, 75 bu. potatoes, 2 1-2 bbls. pork, 50 lbs. lard, 2 lbs. butter, 1-2 bbl. cucumbers, 4 bu. turnips, 9 lbs. rolls, 60 gal. vinegar, 2 bu. beets, beds and bedding for 9 beds.

Number of inmates, 11. Names and ages:—James Andrews, 75; James Gould, 63; Mary Stoddard, 62; George Edgerly, 64; Sarah Merrill, 74; Mrs. Hannah Abbott, 87; Eliza A. Taylor, 73; Ephriam Redlon, 69; Erastus Sawyer, 53; Walter Sawyer, 13; Erastus Sawyer, Jr., 6.

## TOWN FARM PRODUCTS SOLD BY AGENT.

Cash for sweet corn,	\$33 60
25 bushels oats,	11 50
27 " potatoes,	12 45
6½ " beans,	10 86
3 veal calves,	19 00
3 lambs,	10 50
20 pigs,	49 00
193 dozen eggs,	38 79
20 lbs. poultry,	28 28
7½ lbs. rolls,	3 74
3 gal. vinegar,	80
300 fence stakes,	4 50
Received for pasturing,	13 00
61 lbs. butter,	12 60
Sundries,	5 93
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	\$254 55

## BOUGHT BY AGENT FOR TOWN FARM.

Porter, for supplies,	\$51 94
S. Meserve & Son, supplies,	18 60
L. J. Milliken, "	16 80
A. I. Edgecomb, "	24 93
Paid for phosphate,	15 93
" sled,	24 66
Paid Shirley for hay,	12 43
" Thomas Berry for meal,	2 22
" Hawes, "	4 65
" Paid J. G. Locke, for use of oxen,	9 00
Paid for machine, mowing and raking,	19 16
" clothing,	5 74
" fish and beef,	7 42
" sundries,	35 97
" goods to Portland,	14 96
Cash in hands of Agent,	10 20
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	\$254 55

## CONTINGENT AND INCIDENTAL.

Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, stationary, S. Books and S.	
Appointments,	\$ 4 25
Fifield & Page, printing Town Reports, 600 copies,	28 00
John G. Locke, services as selectman, etc, including \$3.00 for postage and stationery in full for 1883,	15 00
George S. Adams, services as selectman, etc, in full 1883,	13 25
Joseph H. Bradbury, " " " " 1883,	7 87
Oscar O. Owen, services as S. S. Com.,	20 60
Horace Harmon, " " " " in full 1882,	4 35
Joel M. Marshall, " " " " in part 1884,	65 25
E. B. Hopkinson, " " " " " "	50 10
Winfield S. Cousins, injury to horse, Dist. No. 22,	75 00
Oscar O. Owen, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood prepared for stove,	2 75
Samuel Hanson & Co., town books,	7 75
Wm. F. Carll, witness fees before C. Com., 1883,	1 00
Wm. Moulton, services as surveyor peram. line,	3 00
W. A. McCorrison, services as constable in full, 1883,	7 00
" " " " " " part, 1884,	28 05
Acel Eaton, 6 ft. wood for Town House, 1883,	4 13
J. G. Locke, services as selectman, etc., to Feb. 12th,	104 40
George S. Adams, serv. as selectman, etc, to Feb. 17,	57 75
Jos. H. Bradbury, " " " " 14,	77 75
James M. Hopkinson, services as auditor, 1883,	4 00
W. A. McCorrison, services as collector in full, 1882,	8 63
" " " " in part, 1883,	280 00
Samuel Hanson, " treasurer,	20 00
R. A. Bradbury, " clerk,	20 00
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	\$909 88

## BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Spencer Boyden, painting iron bridge,	\$ 64 52
Cook, Everett & Pennell, mixed paint for iron bridge,	25 64
J. W. Hawkes, plank, Dist. 14,	2 44
C. W. McKenney, bridge plank, 1883 and 1884,	
3,957 ft. Dist. No. 4,	52 00
890 ft. " " 37,	10 68
226 ft. " " 8,	2 71
507 ft. " " 15,	6 08
204 ft. " " 34,	2 45
743 ft. " " 27,	8 91
750 ft. " " 22,	9 00
210 ft. " " 28,	2 52
132 ft. " " 1,	1 58
605 ft. " " 31,	7 26
171 ft. " " 10,	2 05
225 ft. " " 19,	2 70
Surveying the above,	1 20
J. H. & H. N. Bradbury, 29½ lbs. spikes, Dist. 27,	1 18
A. K. P. Lord, 1,050 ft. plank, Dist. 29,	14 04
" " 608 ft. " " 21,	7 90
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	\$224 86

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR THE REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Andrews Palmer, labor, Dist. 23, per order selectmen,	\$14 20
John L. Davis, " " 21, " " "	4 00
Charles Parker, " " 21, " " "	4 00
W. A. McCorrison, " " 23, " " "	2 00
Bela G. York, " " 21, " " "	5 00
Wm. Elder, allowed on highway def. of 1882, due Dis.,	6 74
J. G. Locke, labor, Dist 4,	2 25
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	\$38 19



## ABATEMENTS.

Alonzo Libby and wife,	\$ 6 11	Illegal bills of 1883.
W. A. McCorrison in favor Lucius G. Hamlet,	30 85	" of '83 & '84.
W. A. McCorrison,	139 48	Prem. on town loan.
" " in favor of the following names:		
Wm. E. Dow, bills of 1882,	3 00	Out of state.
A. K. P. Dyer, " "	3 00	Poverty.
Jas. A. Harmon " "	3 00	Minor.
William Sawyer, " "	7 02	Illegal h'wy defc., '81.
Elb'dge G. Tarbox, " "	5 08	Poverty.
John Underwood, " "	3 00	Illegal.
Sidney S. Wakefield, bills of 1882,	3 00	Out of state.
A. U. Abbott, " "	6 13	Inability.
Isaac W. Eaton, " "	6 32	"
Charles E. Higgins, " "	3 00	Sickness.
Avery Dexter, bill of 1883,	3 00	Inability.
Arthur M. Berry, " "	3 00	Illegal.
Thomas Breen, " "	3 00	Inability.
Thomas Burnham, " "	3 00	Dead.
James Cayton, " "	3 95	Illegal.
Joseph Dyer, " "	3 00	"
Walter A. Fletcher, " "	3 00	"
Robert Graffam, " "	3 00	"
Phineas Hanson, " "	3 00	Dead.
Geo. Hanson, heirs of, " "	4 65	Sickness.
Frank E. Hanscom, " "	4 14	Illegal.
Alverse Jose, " "	3 00	"
Walter Libby, " "	3 00	"
Mrs. Joshua Locke, " "	4 50	Poverty.
Wm. H. Meserve, " "	3 00	Lameness.
John L. Owen, " "	3 00	Illegal.
Freedom Owen, " "	3 00	"
Wm. S. Palmer, he's of, bill of 1883,	5 25	Inability.
Stephen Prescott, " "	3 00	Sickness.
John S. Rankins, " "	3 00	Dead.
Ephraim Ridlon, " "	3 00	Poverty.
Heirs of Isaac Ridlon, " "	1 14	Inability.

Thomas Seavy,	bill of 1883,	3 00	Illegal.
J. C. Swan,	" "	3 00	"
Enoch Snow,	" "	3 76	Uncollectable.
Frank Torole,	" "	3 00	Out of state.
Charles Tibbitts,	" "	3 00	Lameness.
John Underwood,	" "	3 00	Illegal.
Marshall Weeks,	" "	3 00	Out of state.
Elisha Woodman,	" "	3 00	Lameness.
Joseph B. Woodman,	" "	3 00	Dead.
John L. Berry,	" "	3 00	Illegal.
Charles O. Berry,	" "	3 00	"
James Brackett,	" "	3 00	Infirmity.
C. L. Davis,	" "	3 00	Illegal.
John Graffam,	" "	4 70	"
C. E. Higgins,	" "	3 00	Fitts.
George B. Libby,	" "	3 00	Illegal.
James Locke,	" "	3 00	Dead.
George C. Lord,	" "	3 00	Illegal.
Charles F. Lombard,	" "	3 00	"
Fred Owen,	" "	3 00	Lameness.
Mahlon Parsons,	" "	3 00	Illegal.
Charles Sawyer,	" "	3 00	"
George C. Smith,	" "	3 00	Lameness.
Lewis M. Thomson,	" "	3 00	Illegal.
A. P. Whittier,	" "	3 00	"
Bela G. York,	" "	3 82	"
Ithiel Flanders, heirs of,	" "	1 22	H'hway defic. of 1882.
Frank Thompson,	" "	43	" " "
Edward F. Childs,	" "	3 00	Inability.
John Dyer,	" "	3 00	Worthless.
William P. Boynton,	" "	3 00	Insanity.
Amos Thompson,	" "	3 00	Sickness.
Fred S. Bradeen,	" "	3 00	"
Frank A. Sands,	" "	3 00	Illegal.
Isaac W. Eaton,	" "	3 00	Infirmity.

# ACCOUNT WITH THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. of Dist.	Am't due Feb. 19, 1883,	Appropriated in 1884.	Paid in 1884.	Am't due Feb. 17, 1885.
1	\$84 48	\$93 20	\$69 25	\$108 43
2	38 69	112 60	131 25	19 44
3	3 70	160 00	161 50	2 20
4	92 46	190 40	277 50	5 36
5	*	191 60	146 50	17 35
6	34 41	210 22	152 62	92 01
7	*	170 00	133 00	32 74
8	34 15	246 00	134 71	145 44
9	63	125 80	87 25	39 18
10	7 44	196 40	192 20	11 64
11	25 61	199 00	218 76	5 85
12	61 60	314 44	325 76	50 88
13	145 65	238 22	158 50	225 37
15	80 28	204 00	252 38	31 90
16	6 76	212 00	217 72	1 04
17	32 79	196 60	170 21	59 18
	<hr/> \$648 65	<hr/> \$3,060 48	<hr/> \$2,829 11	<hr/>
	32 01			

Bal. due, \$616 64

Bal. due, \$848 01

\*Overdrawn in 1883, \$32.01

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. LOCKE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
GEORGE. S. ADAMS,	
JOSEPH H. BRADBURY,	

*of*  
*Buxton.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. SAMUEL HANSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BUXTON. CR.

March 3, 1884.

To bal., claims and cash from Treasurer.....	\$9,514 92
Cash from Town of Searsmont.....	61 85
"    "    Gorham.....	2 50
"    "    Hollis.....	17 72
"    Sale of Paint.....	1 20
"    "    Oxen, Town Farm.....	119 02
"    Interest on Non-resident Taxes	3 42
School Fund and Mill Tax for 1884.....	960 48
Railroad and Telegraph Tax for 1884.....	5 35
Amount of Assessment for 1884.....	9,700 05
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	\$20,476 51

Examined and found correct,

Buxton, February 18, 1884.

JOHN G. LOCKE, } Selectmen  
GEORGE S. ADAMS, } of  
JOSEPH H. BRADBURY, } Buxton.

SAMUEL HANSON, TREASURER.

March 3, 1884.

By Amount for Notes taken up.....	\$3,766 97
"    paid for interest on Notes.....	334 54
"    paid for Town Orders.....	5,469 24
"    due from State of Maine.....	965 83
"    "    notes received for taxes	100 08
"    "    non-resident taxes.....	145 61
"    "    resident tax deeds.....	63 11
"    "    Accl Eaton, coll. for '79	26 60
"    "    W. A. McCarrison, collector for 1883,	316 73
"    "    W. A. McCarrison, collector for 1884,	0,688 59
"    Cash in Treasury.....	2,596 21
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	\$20,476 51



# SUMMARY.

Selectmen of Buxton in Account with said Town.

Dr.

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1884.		1884.	
To appropriations, viz.:		By Expenditures, as follows:	
For Schools.....	\$3,000 48	Orders drawn for Schools.....	\$2,829 11
Paupers.....	800 00	“ “ Town's Poor..	871 56
Contingent.....	1,000 00	“ “ Contingent...	909 88
Bridges.....	300 00	“ “ Bridges and Highways..	203 05
Overlay in Assessment....	542 27	“ “ Abatements and Prem..	304 55
Town Indebtedness.....	5,000 00	Notes and Int. paid to Amt. of..	4,101 50
		Surplus.....	\$231 37
		Deficiency.....	71 56
		Surplus.....	90 13
		Surplus.....	36 95
		Surplus.....	147 72
		Deficiency.....	898 50

Reduction of Town Debt for 1884, \$4,402.80.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN G. LOCKE, } Selectmen  
GEORGE S. ADAMS, }  
JOSEPH H. BRADBURY, } Buxton.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Town Notes,	\$12,932 55
Interest on same to Feb. 20, 1885,	844 32
Due the several school districts,	848 01
Due on unsettled accounts, (estimated),	175 00
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	\$14,799 88

## RESOURCES.

Due from the State of Maine,	965 83
“ “ collectors and others,	7,132 00
(See Treasurer's Report).	
Due from non-resident taxes,	145 61
“ “ resident tax deeds,	66 11
Cash in Treasury,	2,596 21
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	\$10,905 76
Town debt less resources,	3,894 12

The undersigned has made a careful examination of the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched and would respectfully submit them to the town for their approval.

J. M. HOPKINSON, *Auditor.*

## Report of S. S. Committee.

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### DISTRICT No. 1.

This school is now reduced to four scholars and should be classed with some other district. Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Lizzie I. Dennett, of Deering. Although this was her first attempt in teaching, she seemed to take in the situation and made the best use of her time. She might have been very profitably employed in one of our best schools, she seems peculiarly fitted to win the affections of her pupils and keep them engaged. We emphatically recommend her method of management and her practice of supplemental exercises at the board with smaller scholars.

### DISTRICT No. 2.—UNION SCARBORO' CORNER.

The summer and winter terms were taught by Hattie E. Moulton. Number attending summer term, twenty-four; average attendance, eighteen. There was a good attendance during the summer term and the improvement was satisfactory. The winter term was not so well attended but for what reason has not been explained. The order was good, Miss Moulton is a good scholar and with a little more confidence in herself will make a good teacher. We think in this case she labored under the difficult task of "keeping in her own district."

### DISTRICT No. 3.

Cyrus M. Elden, teacher. This was Mr. Elden's first school, and as is often the case with young and inexperienced teachers some errors in discipline and teaching were discovered, yet this was in part counterbalanced by his interest and zeal and as a whole the school was run with a fair degree of success. We think that by practice and observation Mr. Elden may become a successful teacher.

Winter term, W. C. Waterman, teacher. We visited this school at the commencement and at the close and both times with pleasure. The closing examination showed good solid work and a corresponding degree of thoroughness.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Fall term, Miss Dora A. McCarrison, teacher. This was as is usual in this district a good school. The scholars appeared to be interested and by the aid of the ever ready teacher accomplished a fair amount of work and made a good showing at the end of the term.

Winter term, Hermon H. Locke, teacher. At the first visit we found the school rather noisy and restive, and not well booked on many topics taken up, but the zeal and perseverance of the teacher together with his original ideas resulted in infusing new interest into the school and at our final visit we were well satisfied. It is seldom that we find a school that has learned so many lessons in one term on subjects not found in the text books as this one has in the term just closed. Mr. Locke has made a good beginning as a teacher, and only requires experience, and a little more regard to system, to rank well in his profession.

## DISTRICT NOS. 5 AND 14.

Summer term, Millie Eaton, teacher. We were much pleased with the closing examination of this term of school. The teacher showed herself capable of handling any first class school.

Winter term. Ira W. Libby, teacher. This was Mr. Libby's first school and was fairly successful. The room was kept tidy and the order good. At the examination some of the classes showed very well indeed, and some others very poor; but, as a whole, we think Mr. Libby has done well.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term was taught by Miss Fannie Hill. This is one of the best schools in town. Miss Hill is a faithful and conscientious teacher, but needs more confidence in herself and a little more attention to the supplemental exercises—which are now being used in the country schools.

Fall term taught by Varney T. Smith. Mr. Smith, one of our best teachers, was not quite as successful in this school as usual. His health becoming impaired before the close, he could not act himself. The scholars were making good headway at the time of our visit, and Mr. Smith was assiduous and devoted. We did not have a closing examination.



Mr. E. B. Hopkinson, colleague, took charge of the school after Mr. Smith left, and at the time of our visit was giving his usual attention and energy to this new line of business. We were much pleased with the appearance. School is still in session.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.—KIMBALL'S CORNER.

Fall term. Fanny F. Hill, teacher. This school is small and composed of small scholars, but they are very well advanced for their ages. Miss Hill has a good reputation as a teacher, but there was a lack of harmony between the scholars and teacher this term that prevented sure success, and thus much of the usefulness of the school was lost.

Winter term. Annie Rounds, teacher. Miss Rounds conducted this school with her usual success, and with satisfaction to committee and the district.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term taught by Miss Laura Stone. Miss Stone has the qualifications of a first class teacher. The pupils in this school are quite young and it requires a good deal of attention to keep them all employed. Miss Stone succeeded in keeping all at work and good progress was made. The school house needs repairing—an out house and a blackboard.

Winter term taught by Charles H. Bangs. Mr. Bangs was obliged to leave on account of sickness and the school was not examined at the close.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term, Celia Campbell, teacher. This school, with the exception of District No. 1, is the smallest in town. This was Miss Campbell's first attempt at teaching, and we should judge from the appearance of teacher and scholars at the closing visit, that the school was a success.

Fall term, same teacher.

This school was visited but once by the committee, notice of its time of closing not being received in time to visit it.

We feel confident from the appearance of the school at this visit, that it was a profitable term and that Miss Campbell will succeed as a teacher.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer term taught by Miss Nellie Boothby. This was a profitable school. Miss B. is one of the very few who are willing to step off from the old beaten track of merely hearing recitations, and give *instruction*. She did so by blackboard exercise and instruction in supplementary text-books.

Winter term taught by Mr. Eugene C. Carle. Mr. Carle is a wide-awake young teacher and was doing well at our visit. School yet in session. Good order was maintained and no appearance of laziness on the part of teacher or pupils.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer term, Hattie E. Smith, teacher. This term was visited but once by the committee and then it was at the first of the school, at which time the teacher seemed to be doing her utmost for all concerned and with a fair prospect of success, but a spirit of diffidence and a habit of speaking too low to be heard distinctly was noticed in the scholars, which must be very detrimental to the prosperity of the school, as it is annoying to the teacher and committee.

Miss Smith possesses those qualities which are calculated to make her popular as a teacher of town schools. The final visit was not made owing to negligence of the committee.

Winter term taught by E. P. Elwell. Mr. Elwell evidently does not fancy the business of teaching. The general appearance of the school was one of inactivity—teacher and pupils seemed to have fallen into the calm latitudes. The examination near the close did not show satisfactory advancement, or thoroughness in all branches.

## DISTRICT No. 12.—MODERATION.

Summer term taught by Miss Lucy A. Milliken. Miss Milliken's experience and past success recommends her to our best schools, and we considered her school on the whole successful, but it did not reach her own expectations and was not all we desired to see. There seemed to be a lack of interest among the scholars. There are some good scholars in this school; there are also new wall-maps and good black-boards in this house. There was a large number of instances of tardiness and only one scholar not absent one half a day.

Fall term. Vesta Walker, teacher. The opening of this term indicated a very profitable one and the attendance was excellent. At our closing examination we found the school quite noisy and not so thorough in review as we wished. The teacher worked hard but the scholars evidently did not.

Winter term. W. P. Parker, teacher. Mr. Parker is a scholar and a worker, and his school indicated it. At the commencement we found it noisy and restive, and at its close it was quiet and attentive. We were especially pleased with the map drawing and written work, of which there was a large amount. This school room is sadly in need of school apparatus, such as maps, a globe, a dictionary, &c., none being visible at the time of our visits.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

The summer, fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Addie Hill. Miss Hill is one of our best teachers and had she the proper text-books and black-board in the school room, would have made her term a very profitable one to the scholars. Her drill class of small scholars gave a good report of her labor. Winter term still in session.

#### DISTRICT No. 15.

Summer term, Annie S. Benson, teacher.

Miss Benson is a teacher of some experience although a stranger in this town. At our first visit we were much pleased with the school and predicted an unusually profitable term. Everything appeared to favor this conclusion, teacher in earnest and scholars in harmony with the teacher.

At our final visit, our expectations were not fully realized. There evidently was "a screw loose somewhere." The teacher appeared as much interested as before, but not so much interest was manifested by the scholars. The room was untidy, and the general showing of the school as to discipline and review was not quite satisfactory. Just where the trouble lay we cannot tell, but we feel confident that the fault was not entirely with the teacher. Some of the classes passed a very good examination and should be remembered as worthy of praise, among which were the Grammar and Physiology classes.

Fall term, Lucy Hamlin, teacher.

Especially were we pleased with the efforts put forth by this teacher, for a first class school. The teacher seemed to regard thorough discipline as the first requisite of a good school.

The closing examination was very gratifying to us.

Winter term, F. A. Brackett, teacher.

This was Mr. Brackett's first term in this town. At each visit we found the room tidy, school quiet, and all at work. Considering the length of term, (only eight weeks) a fair amount of work was done, and well done.

#### DISTRICT NO. 16.—BUXTON CENTRE.

Summer term. Miss Annie Rounds, teacher. Miss Rounds is well-known in this town as a successful teacher, and her efforts in this school resulted in giving satisfaction in the District and to the Visiting Committee. At each visit we found the school orderly and scholars instructed in their work, and the amount of work done comparing favorably with other schools, especially among the primary scholars.

Fall term taught by the same teacher and with equal or better success than the summer term.

Winter term. Irving Blake, teacher. This is one of the most advanced schools in town, and, although the teacher may have erred in judgment in carrying out his ideas of discipline to the extreme, and thus caused some feelings of dislike in the District and among the scholars, yet the examination at the close of the term showed a thoroughness not acquired without much hard work by both teacher and scholar.

#### DISTRICT NO. 17.

Summer term taught by Miss Carrie L. Merrill. This school promises exceedingly well. Miss Merrill was a ripe scholar and a faithful and conscientious teacher; but after continuing five weeks, Miss M. was obliged to leave—her health failing—much to the regret of the committee and to the great damage of the scholars welfare.

Mr. Eugene C. Carle took charge of the school in the fall and taught until November. Mr. Carle did a good work here—but not as thorough as we would like to see. This is some good hard work needed in this school and more than one term is needed to accomplish the purpose. The house is sadly out of repair. A black-board is needed, and a general renovation is called for.



## GENERAL REMARKS.

In summing up our report we find that there is much to commend in our schools, and as usual, some things to condemn.

We have endeavored to report the schools as faithfully as possible and without prejudice or favoritism. Some of our teachers have ventured to step out of the old ruts of our fathers and are doing good work outside of the text book. This is as it should be. It is impossible to find a text book whose author has exhausted the subject under consideration and a few, well-timed, original ideas of the teacher expressed in an off-handed manner is often productive of more good than the most carefully written essay.

We believe that the common schools of our country are the greatest institutions of the age, and are productive of more good than even those of higher grades, colleges and classical schools not excepted, for while the schools of high rank benefit the few whose wealth enables them to take advantage of the privileges to be obtained at these institutions, the great mass of children and youth of both sexes commence their educational career and end the same in the town school.

While we admit that there has been great improvement in the management of our town schools within the last fifty years, yet we think that still greater improvement is needed to enable our scholars to derive the greatest possible good from them. These improvements do not depend upon any one class of persons. There should be efficient and interested school officers and teachers. It is not enough that these possess a knowledge of the text books in use in our town; they must have a desire above the selfish one of getting possession of the money raised for the support of the school. They must have a love for the work, an earnestness to impart the knowledge they possess and a determined will to succeed.

Some, perhaps a majority of the teachers in this town the past year possess these qualifications, but all do not, and here the chairman of the school board would say on retiring from office, what he would not while in office, that he believes the Superintending School Committee are the proper persons to employ teachers. They are in a position to know the wants of each school in town better than any one else can know them, and are

brought in contact with teachers and can often make such selections as they think they need. Of course, mistakes would then occur, but not so often as by the present method of hiring teachers.

By the present arrangement agents are sometimes elected, simply, because they have never had the office, and it is their turn and if they don't get it, they may be offended. It does not matter that the person elected as agent has never visited the school house since he became a voter in the district, except to attend a school meeting; it is of no consequence that he may be unable to read and write, he is a member of the district, has children to send to school perhaps, (and perhaps never had,) and his claim to an office must be recognized. Of course these cases are of rare occurrence, yet they do occur. Then again agents are sometimes elected on account of their social position in the district, but whose private business engrosses their time and attention, and the affairs of the district are run with the least possible trouble to themselves. Another class of agents sometimes elected is the small-souled, penurious "two-cent man" whose sole and only object appears to be to get greatest possible amount of school for the least possible amount of money, and the ability of the teacher not taken into account. Happily our agents are not all selected from among any of these classes. Some of them are good true men, large hearted and generous, and have the welfare of the district school as much at heart as that of their own families. Again we wish to appeal to the parents for their assistance in making our schools profitable.

First, provide the scholars with good and sufficient text-books. This can best be done by the town. Let them have a plenty of blank paper for supplementary exercises, and then question them as to their progress at school. Be sure that you send them early enough to get to the school house in season to be ready at the usual hour for study. It is a great annoyance and injury to the scholar and the school to have a number of tardy ones coming in 5 minutes late, and habits of tardiness thus formed are apt to cling to one through life. Finally, we ask you to assist the teacher in enforcing the rules of the school. If some general exercise is required do not hamper and embarrass the teacher by sending a note requesting him to "excuse Johnnie" from doing his part.

In general, we would say that our schools will not be pointed at as the index of our civilization much longer, unless their possibilities are more faithfully attended to. The claims of that part of our population between the ages of six and twenty-one, demand some serious attention; the wide margin between what *might be* done and what *is* done, will soon be discovered by the scholars themselves, and for one step in advance, and in the right direction, we should say, choose an agent who will take an interest in the matter; make the house comfortable and home-like; provide a black-board that chalk will make a mark on; keep the out-houses in such a condition that they will not be public nuisances, and then provide such text-books for the desk as the teacher will and should be required to use in a general drill exercise for the whole school. We recommend supplementary exercises in Science of Common Life, History, Physiology, Botany, Political Economy, Physical Geography and Civil Government.

We cannot give up the impression that these matters would be better attended to were the district system abandoned, as there are now, when some of the districts are too small to maintain a school by itself, so many disadvantages that the money is not used to the best use for the children.

The committee hereby give notice that they will be in session at the school house, Buxton Center, on Saturday, April 11 and 25, at 10 A. M. for examination of teachers for the summer terms, and Sept. 5 and Oct. 3 at the same place and hour for examination of teachers for fall and winter terms, and no certificate will be granted to teachers who do not attend one of these examinations, unless special arrangements are made previously.

Respectfully submitted,

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O. O. OWEN,	
J. M. MARSHALL,	
	of
	Buxton.

Buxton, Feb. 18, 1885.



## SCHOOL STATISTICS OF BUXTON FOR 1884-5.

No. of Dist.	Location.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Agents Name.	Teachers.	Residence.	Sum.	Fall.	Winter.	Length of term in weeks.	Price of board per week.	Wages per week, excluding board.
1	Union Falls.....	7	Charles I. D. Nichols...	Lizzie I. Bennett.....	Deering.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Scarboro Corner.....	13	Henry Moulton.....	Hattie E. Moulton.....	Buxton.....	24	18	.....	8	2 00	4 50
3	Groveville.....	26	Charles Waterman.....	Cyrus M. Elden.....	"	18	16	.....	14	2 00	4 11
4	Salmon Falls.....	31	Silas Elden.....	Wilbur C. Waterman.....	"	34	28	23	16	2 00	4 00
5	Shadagve.....	36	Isaac Eaton.....	Dora A. McCarrison.....	"	18	16	25	8	2 00	4 25
6	Chitcopee.....	51	James W. Pennell.....	Heimon H. Locke.....	"	22	17	20	12	2 00	5 00
7	Kimball's Corner.....	29	M. C. Owen.....	Millie E. Eaton.....	"	35	30	30	8	2 50	8 00
8	Bog Mill.....	59	Fred E. Wells.....	Ira W. Libby.....	"	19	16	16	13	2 00	5 00
9	Cobb.....	17	.....	Faunie F. Hill.....	"	36	34	.....	8	.....	.....
10	Scribner.....	40	.....	E. B. Hopkinson*.....	Limington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Duck Pond.....	42	.....	Fannie F. Hill.....	Buxton.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....
12	West Buxton.....	75	Wm. Haines.....	Laura Stone.....	"	25	22	.....	2	3 50	7 75
13	Bar Mills.....	57	.....	Charles H. Bangs.....	Limington.....	42	35	.....	3	50	7 75
15	Dearborn's Hill.....	41	Nathaniel Sawyer.....	Charles Campbell.....	Gorham.....	26	24	.....	8	2 00	4 75
16	Buxton Centre.....	48	Spencer Boyden.....	Nettie Boothby.....	Stardish.....	23	20	18	10	3 00	7 00
17	Lower Corner.....	39	Charles Pike.....	Eugene C. Carle.....	Limington.....	23	25	25	10	2 00	4 00
				Hattie E. Smith.....	Buxton.....	23	25	25	0	2 50	6 50
				E. P. Elwell.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Lucy A. Milliken.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Vesta Walker.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				W. P. Parker*.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Adelle Hill.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Amie S. Benson.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Lacy Franklin.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				F. A. Brackett.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Amie Rounds.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Ivring Blake.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Carrie L. Merrill.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Eugene C. Carle.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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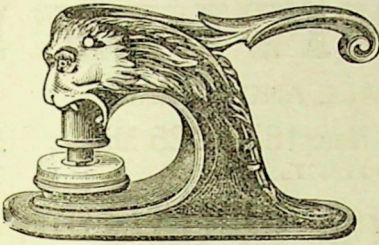


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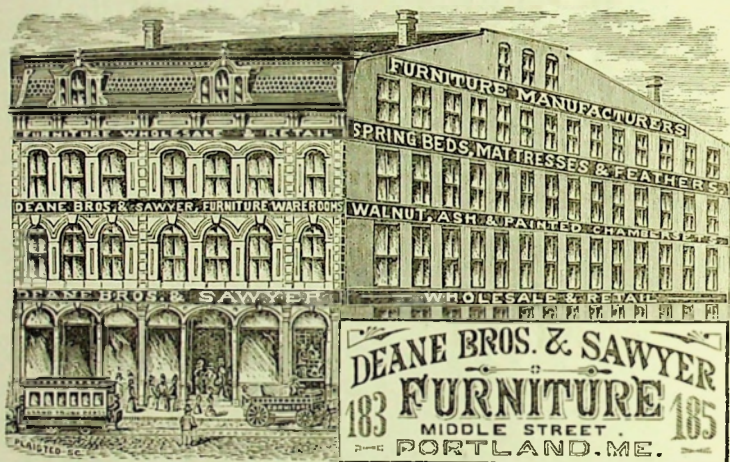
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